

## HALF REPUBLIC HALF MONARCHY

Government Proposes to Chinese Rebels the Election of a President and Cabinet, the Emperor to Remain Utterly Shorn of Power and Authority

### AUTONOMY FOR PROVINCE INCLUDED IN THE TERMS

PEKING, Dec. 8.—The first edition of uncensored news received from Sian Fu since the recent outbreak there was broadcast here today by a messenger. It consists of letters to the British American legations and the director of posts. The letters said that 8,000 Manchus were slain by Chinese and that there was much looting. Several mission houses in the province were destroyed. Eight foreigners, some of them children, were killed. Four of the dead were Americans.

According to the letters the foreigners in the province of Sian Si, of which Sian Fu is capital, numbered seventy-five including seven American. A majority of these are now in Sian Fu but the others fled to the province of Kan Su.

"We are apparently safe now," says one of the letters, "but the lawless are in the majority. We had hoped to escape down the Han river but the road was dangerous. The Kan Su missionaries may have a hard time. Twenty-two of them including children, are Americans. Money can not be sent them as the mails are stopped and banks here have been robbed and burned." The letter was signed by V. J. Plymire of the Christian Missionary Alliance at Tao Chow, in the province of Kan Su. It was dated November 26th.

The terms which the imperial delegates will take to Shanghai or Nanjing in an endeavor to settle the questions in dispute between the government and revolutionists it is believed will provide, first, that the emperor shall be retained though entirely without power. Second, that a president and cabinet shall be elected by the nation, the president to possess the same authority as the president of a republic. Third, if the foregoing conditions are accepted the government will grant provincial autonomy.

These terms are considered largely a bluff. Yuan Shi Kai still controls a substantial army but he is unable to pay the soldiers and desiring to

### NO NEGOTIATIONS

Dr. Wu Declares That All Talk Has Been Unofficial.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8.—A telegram from Nanking says that General Chang Hsu, commander of the imperial troops, who escaped from the city with a considerable number of troops when the revolutionists captured it, annihilated a band of revolutionists who attempted to bar his retreat a hundred miles up the Tien Tsin Pu Kow railroad. North of the scene of this fight the revolutionists are reported to be blowing up bridges with dynamite.

Wu Ting Fang professed ignorance of the decision of the revolutionaries at Wu Chang to accept a constitutional monarchy with Yuan Shi Kai or some other satisfactory Chinese as a ruler under a constitutional parliament. Dr. Wu declares that no negotiations conducted at Wu Chang are regarded as official.

## GOV. DENEEN ALSO WANTED THE TOGA LORIMER NOW WEARS

But He Couldn't Quite Muster Up the Courage to Seize It

### PLAYED DOUBLE PART

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Frederick Landon of Chicago, a former representative of the sixth district of Illinois furnished an interesting half hour today before the senate committee investigating the election of Senator Lorimer when he related some of the workings of Illinois politics.

Landon declared that Governor Deneen wanted the senatorial toga too, but didn't quite dare to take it because his masters, the newspapers of Chicago, wouldn't let him. The witness told the story of the fight against Senator Hopkins. "The object was to get several men voting for Hopkins to vote for somebody else," he said, "and that would make the deal more secure as it took votes away from a strong candidate and that was what Deneen wanted. Deneen at the time saw no hope for Hopkins."

Meanwhile Deneen wanted the senatorial toga himself and did not quite dare take it. "Everybody thought Deneen was for Lorimer because all of Deneen's friends were. I think it was because he served best his purpose at that time. I heard him indicate that indirectly. He didn't feel that all of his friends stood by him and was willing to gather strength by a merger of Lorimer men. Deneen was for Lorimer until there was chance of his election and then he was against him."

### GAY OLD DEFENDANT

SEATTLE, Dec. 8.—The \$100,000 alienation of affection suit brought by Mrs. Eliza Phillips, of Spokane, against Mrs. Mattie A. Thomas, the sixty-one year old widow of a Butte millionaire, was taken to the jury late tonight. Two women are on the jury. A sealed verdict was returned and will be made public on Monday morning.

### THIS KEEPS UP THE BANK

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Dec. 8.—One lone dollar constitutes the total deposits of the government savings bank maintained at the Stanford University postoffice.

## FUTURE OF THE RAILROADS EXPLAINED TO GOVERNORS

The Westerners at a Baltimore Entertainment Are Told That the Money Necessary to Increase the Facilities to Meet the Country's Growing Requirements is Nowhere in Sight. Chief Executors Urged to Take the Lead in a Campaign of Education.



GOVERNORS WHO WENT OUT OF THE WEST

BALTIMORE, Dec. 8.—The governors of the western states arrived here on a special train today. Tonight they were tendered a banquet by the chamber of commerce. President Daniel Willard, of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, in the principal address, said that possibly the next period of great industrial activity in this country may find the railroads utterly unable to carry the greatly augmented burden imposed upon them.

Said he: "The capital requirements for the next five years, if it is said, will be \$500,000,000, and here are some who say it will be a billion dollars. Where are we to get this enormous sum for betterments, extensions and

## EXPLOSION STARTED FROM THE OUTSIDE

Official Statement by the State Department, Following an Investigation By Joint Army and Navy Board, of Wreck of the Battleship Maine

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The battleship Maine was blown up from the outside in Havana harbor, this was the statement issued by the state department today. It is based on a finding made by the joint army and navy board which had spent several months at Havana investigating the wreck.

The statement follows: "The board found that the injuries to the bottom of the Maine were caused by an explosion of a low form of explosives exterior to the ship between frames 23 and 21, and strake B, on the port side. This resulted in the lighting and exploding of the contents of six inch reserve magazine A-14-M, the said contents including a large quantity of black powder. The more or less complete explosion of the contents remaining followed the magazine explosion and resulted in the destruction of the vessel."

## SENATIONAL STORY STOKES' ASSAILANT

Miss Graham Hints That "Al" Adams' Death Was Not Suicide

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—An almost constant flow of tears accompanied the recital Lillian Graham gave today of the sordid romance that led up to her shooting W. E. D. Stokes, the millionaire hotel proprietor on the night of June 7. The hearing was punctuated by sobs. One came when the young woman was asked if her sister Mrs. Stella Singleton had ever talked to her about Stokes.

"She told me I should be very careful not to see him anymore than I had to," replied the witness, "because he was a very dangerous man and not to trust him. She told me not to encourage him for there was good reason to believe that he murdered Al Adams." Al Adams, the "policy king" died at the Ansonia hotel on October 1, 1907 and his death was recorded as a case of suicide.

In telling the story of the shooting the girl denied that she invited Stokes to her apartment. She told the story of her relations with Stokes. She told of being "lured" to Mr. Stokes' stock farm and having been detained there two nights and forced to sign self-defamatory letters releasing him of responsibility, in order to be allowed to go her way in peace.

### WOLGAST TALKATIVE

Fighter Can Leave the Hospital in a Week

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—Champion Ad Wolgast was propped up in bed a while today at the Clara Barton hospital, and declared that he "felt fine." If his continued improvement holds out, surgeons stated that Wolgast would be out in a week.

Wolgast was very talkative, despite the warnings of his nurse. "I'd have licked Welsh in five rounds," he declared with emphasis. "I looked on the match as a cinch. At Milwaukee, when we used to box in a gymnasium, Welsh would always tell me to stop when I hit him too hard. I will be ready to fight again sure inside of six months. Welsh may or may not be the first opponent. I will take whoever offers the best inducements."

When told that Leach Cross was claiming the fight weight championship, Wolgast laughed and said nothing.

## A GILA TRAGEDY RACE RIOT FEARED

Two Americans Employed at Live Oak Mine Killed by Italian

GLOBE, Dec. 8.—Jim Johnson and Jack Bowman were shot and instantly killed at Miami at midnight by Angelo Prenenta, an Italian, who was shot in the left arm. Bowman and Johnson were employed at the Live Oak mine. There is some feeling between the American and foreign laborers, and a race riot is feared. The sheriff's office has been notified.

The people of Miami declared that the situation was under control. Bowman was recently married, and was prominent in Arizona baseball circles. His wife was notified, and appeared on the scene shortly after the killing. Prenenta and one other are in jail.

## FRONTIER GUARDED TO HOLD REYES BACK

The General Supposed to Be in Northern Mexico

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Dec. 8.—If General Bernardo Reyes is in northwestern Mexico and wishes to return to the United States, he must break through a cordon of Mexican troops stretched 150 miles along the border from the Gulf of Mexico to within a few miles of Laredo, Texas. Soldiers began to patrol the frontier tonight.

Today Reyes was reported at the town of Camargo, just across the line in Tamaulipas, within a short distance of the state of Nuevo Leon, which is regarded as a Reyes stronghold.

Major Jose Pena, commandant at Matamoros, Mexico, across the line from Brownsville, denied today that he reported that Reyes had crossed the border to Brownsville. He reported only rumors, he said.

### REYES IN HIDING

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 8.—Mexican secret service men here today stated that they believed Reyes was headed for his old habitation in the mountains near Galena, in the state of Nuevo Leon.

### PRICE OF COPPER

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Copper firm, spot, futures 12.65 to 13.00. Lead firm, 4.40 to 4.50.

## PRESIDENT AND CABINET CONSIDER VEXING RUSSIAN PASSPORT QUESTION



THE DISHONORED PASSPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—For two hours today President Taft and his cabinet wrestled with the Russian passport question and at the end of the session it was agreed that a solution that would satisfy the American Jews and at the same time not embarrass the United States or Russia had been found. The negotiations of American Ambassador Guild at St. Petersburg have not been abandoned but it looked tonight as if there would be but one outcome, the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 with Russia.

So far, Ambassador Guild is said to have met little satisfaction in his proposal that the regulations imposed upon American Jews visiting Russia should be modified. Pressure to bring about a modification or abrogation of the treaty has been great but any action will be taken only after the closest scrutiny, to prevent international embarrassment for the United States has its own problem, prohibiting the admission of Chinese.

Talk of a new treaty with Russia to take the place of the one of 1832 is not taken seriously by cabinet members. It was said on good authority tonight that negotiations looking to another treaty have not proceeded far enough to warrant any hope that a solution will be reached in this way. Senators Lodge and Crane and twelve representatives from Massachusetts today promised a delegation of Jews to vote for the abrogation of the treaty if the diplomatic negotiations failed.

### BEEF TRUST CASE

The First Testimony Will Likely Be Heard on Monday

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—The selection of a jury to try the indicted Chicago meat packers on charges of violating the criminal provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law proceeded so rapidly today that predictions are made by both sides that the government's first witness will take the stand about Wednesday. When the court closed six jurors had been accepted by the government and packers, and four others were satisfactory to the defense.

### EARLY DETERMINATION

Intercommunal Rate Cases Docketed in Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The famous intercommunal rate cases, in which the commerce court recently enjoined temporarily the interstate commerce commission from enforcing the long and short haul orders, was docketed today in the supreme court.

### NEW REICHSTAG

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—Decrees dissolving the Reichstag and fixing the date for new elections of members on January 12 were published today by the official gazette. This is to end what is commonly known as "Prince Von Buelow's reichstag."

### NEW AEROPLANE RECORD

JOHANNESBURG, Germany, Dec. 8.—A new aeroplane record of sustained flight with a passenger was made today by Herr Savelack, who stayed in the air four hours and 22 minutes, beating the record by two hours.

## THE McNAMARA BROTHERS WILL REFUSE TO TALK

It Is Thought Though That After Taste of the Penitentiary and Under Pressure by Labor Leaders They Will Become Communicative

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—The scope of the investigation undertaken by the federal grand jury here and at Indianapolis, so far as was learned tonight, has not been sharply defined. Government officials, it is thought, will be able to determine that only after further testimony by many witnesses is taken. Whether the government will return indictments here or at Indianapolis against those persons alleged to be implicated unlawfully in the transport of explosives from one stage to another, is not known.

The McNamara brothers remained in their cells today, retreating that they would not tell anything if they were taken before the grand jury. Whether they will actually appear or not is a doubtful question tonight. It is thought that after they have had a real taste of prison life, and have been visited by labor leaders who are anxious to cleanse organized labor of the alleged charges of lawlessness and who might persuade them to talk, they might agree to talk.

Ortie McNamara, the confessed dynamiter, continued to tell the inquisitors his story today, and he was followed by Wm. Kizer, of Muncie, Indiana, a manufacturer of explosives, who says he sold nitro glycerine to J. H. and J. J. McNamara, and also to McNamara. The latter corroborated Kizer's story. The date of the leaving of the McNamara for San Quentin is still uncertain.

### AN ACCOUNTING

A. F. of L. Officials Give Facts About Defense Fund

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 8.—Hoping to dispel doubt and curb criticism of the methods used in obtaining and distributing the McNamara defense fund, a report of all money collected and disbursed up to October 25 was made public here tonight with the consent of Frank A. Morris, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, who was the custodian of the funds. The total amount received to that date was \$194,612.53. The total expenditures were \$184,840.53. No accounting is made of the sums received

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